



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE
Narrogin



Photos from the Year 11 Presentation Day

COLLEGE CHRONICLE

**EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

An Independent Public School

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2021



Dear Parents/Carers, Families and College Community

Planning For 2022

Significant planning is going into preparing for next year. It is really important that families communicate with us about whether they are changing their residential status. If you are thinking your child might not be returning, I would encourage you to let us know ASAP. We do have long lists of students waiting to attend the College and the sooner we can give them good news the better.

One to One Laptop Program 2022

As you would all be aware, the College has a 1-1 Laptop policy. Students are provided with a laptop for their exclusive use during their time at the College. The laptop is used during the school day, can be used after school hours and be taken home on weekends and holiday breaks. All laptops are returned at the end of the school year and reset and updated, ready for the new year. These laptops are set up with all software required to complete course work across all areas of the College.

In 2022, parents will be given an updated Information and Agreement document to read and sign. The Acceptance and Agreement form **MUST** be signed and the \$250 voluntary approved request **MUST** be paid before a laptop belonging to the One to One Program is issued.

A small bank of laptops will be made available to students who have not returned forms or made payment, from 8am until 4pm and will not be able to be taken home or to dorm rooms.

Uniforms

In preparation for the start of the 2022 school year, I ask all parents to carefully inspect their child's current uniform status and ensure they have the correct items, as stated in the College Operating Procedure document, available on the College website. The 2022 document has photos of our student leaders dressed appropriately (see examples on the right), in the variety of uniforms your child may need to wear for certain activities. When enrolling at the College, parents and students agree to adhere to the uniform standard. Please ensure you purchase items with the College logo, as stated in the uniform policy and refrain from substituting items that have sporting logos/brands visible on the outside. This includes hats/caps, tracksuit pants, shorts. The black shorts worn as part of the class uniform were chosen for their modest length and running shorts and leggings are not suitable substitutes.

The exemption for black jeans instead of chinos, allowed for the 2021 Year 12 group, is now over and **NO** students will be allowed

to wear black jeans as part of class/equine or formal uniform. Parents will be informed by the Deputy or Head of Residence when students are incorrectly dressed.



Class and sport uniform



Trades and farm uniform



Formal uniform



Equine uniform

Upcoming Events:

Year 10 Presentation Assembly afternoon tea – Friday 3rd December 2021

New Student Orientation Day - Friday 10th December 2021

Invites have been sent out to all new students for an Orientation Day on Friday 10th December. This is an opportunity to meet the staff and fellow students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who will be attending WACoA Narrogin for the first time in 2022. This day is for students only and parents are asked to drop students at the front office at 9am and collect them at 1pm.

2022 New Students Return - Saturday 29 th January	
10 - 11am	Horse arrival (please refer to Equine information on the College webpage)
11am – 12.30pm	Residential students arrive
12.30pm	Day students arrive
12.30 - 1pm	Lunch for students, parents/caregivers
1 – 1.30pm	Welcome presentation
1.30pm	All parents/caregivers leave
1.45 – 5pm	Student team building activities
5 – 6pm	BBQ dinner for both day and residential students
6pm	Day students leave/ Residential students evening activities commence

2022 Returning Students – Residential only Sunday 30 th January	
10 – 12 noon	Residential student induction (new students)
12 noon	Lunch for new students
1 – 3pm	Returning students arrive and settle into dorms
3 – 5pm	All residential students induction

Monday 31st January 2022 - Normal timetable commences (all students)

The College webpage has been updated with parent information for the 2022 school year. Once going to the webpage, click on the icon on the front page—*2022 Student Information* -

[Home - WA College of Agriculture - Narrogin \(narroginag.wa.edu.au\)](http://narroginag.wa.edu.au)

16 Days in WA Campaign

The 16 Days in WA to Stop Violence Against Women initiative began in 2017, led by the McGowan Government and its first dedicated Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence, the Hon Simone McGurk MLA.

Since 2017, this WA-led campaign has focused on raising awareness and promoting change to eliminate gender-based violence. Family and domestic violence does not discriminate. It impacts many people in the community – women, men and children of all ages and backgrounds.

From 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, to 10 December, which is Human Rights Day, individuals and communities throughout the State have an opportunity to show their support for ending violence against women, including family, domestic and sexual violence.

This year's campaign is themed around the tagline **'Don't be silent when you see violence'**, encouraging bystanders to speak up and contribute to positive change towards the safety and respect of women in our community.

On Wednesday 1st December, students will be encouraged to 'wear something orange' in support of ending gender based violence.

The following links are to resources to assist families to have conversations around this topic:

[The Conversation Guide – Respect.gov.au](https://www.respect.gov.au)

[The Excuse Interpreter – Respect.gov.au](https://www.respect.gov.au)

[What are the warning signs? | eSafety Commissioner](https://www.respect.gov.au)

[16 Days in WA - Tom Barrass \(westcoasteagles.com.au\)](https://www.westcoasteagles.com.au)





Work Place Learning (WPL)

Thanks to all of the Year 10 parents and carers who have either submitted their WPL forms, or let the College know of their child's intentions over weeks 9 and 10. This is a great help and allows us to plan and put things in place, so thank you.

For the Year 10's who are participating in WPL, the process is well underway with the College in contact with the worksites and a large part of the work site suitability checks have been completed.

This week various staff have been out and about completing the mentioned work site suitability checks and also catching up and checking in with our Year 11's, who are out on WPL. It is very refreshing to see and hear the majority of the workplaces really enjoying the efforts of our students, and the students really enjoying their placements and newly acquired skills and knowledge. A big thanks to Mr Batt, Mr Dewing and Mr Ryan who have helped in the big task of checking out work sites to ensure that the students are safe and enjoying their time.

Tomorrow Man Session (Man and the Mask)

On Monday the Year 10 students participated in their module three Tomorrow Man session, Man and the Mask. This module set out to explore how fear of judgement and excessive 'banter' affects individuals and the culture of a cohort. It identifies the ways in which men hide and protect themselves.

The Year 10 gents participated very well together as a group and although the topics were quite heavy and challenged the students to self-reflect, the students' feedback was that the session was positive and enjoyable.

A quote that really stood out and challenged some of the students:

"He wears a mask, and his face grows to fit it" - George Orwell

Reporting

Year 11 reports will be sent home on Thursday 9th December.

Year 10 reports will be sent home on Thursday 16th December.





Furniture Making

This term, the Year 10 Furniture Making cohort has been participating in the research, design and construction of a medieval Trebuchet. The Year 10's were divided into groups to complete the task and be assessed under the unit of competency *MSMSUP106 Work in a Team*. This unit includes students completing work as a

team, delegating tasks within the team, communicating as a team and reflecting on their practice and the teams practice. The trebuchet task is outlined below:

Design Brief:

As a part of a team you must design and construct a functional trebuchet for firing day. As a part of a team you must designate and receive tasks within your group. You will be assessed on the way your team functions.

Restrictions:

- Your trebuchet must not exceed a cubic meter. (Excluding beam)
- All trebuchets will be firing a tennis ball come firing day.
- No missiles will be launched on trebuchets until firing day, tests may be run prior without missiles.

Students used recycled materials where possible and designs varied with some using slow motion camera on their phones to capture footage of where best to release.

All students worked well within their respective teams. Every group delivered a working trebuchet to the firing line, with some performing better than others. This year we had a combined firing day with Mr Batt's and Mr Wray's classes followed by a relaxing and rewarding BBQ. The winners from Mr Wray's class were Justin Stott, Hayley Williams and Domenic O'Hara with 34.96m and for Mr Batt's class it was Jaiten Hawke, Cody McIlree and Darcy Jones with 28.90m.

The students completed the unit of competence, *MSMSUP106 Work in a Team*, by reflecting on areas that they and their team excelled in and areas that themselves and their team could improve on. Well done to all involved.





YEAR 10 & 11 PARENTS

Final accounts will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Please ensure that all outstanding fees and charges are paid before the commencement of the 2022 school year.

Residency will be denied in 2022 if any fees and charges remain unpaid without arrangements being made.

Please contact Jill Norwell on 9881 9733 if you have any concerns in regard to your account.

If your account is in credit you may apply for a refund or have the amount carried over into 2022.

A reminder to parents that trades projects cannot be taken home if they are not paid in full.

The latest Goldies and Greenies winners. Please do not forget to collect your prize.

GOLDIES 25 tickets Chocolate	GOLDIES 50 tickets Free Dress Pass	GOLDIES 100 tickets Table Service From Senior Staff	GOLDIES 200 tickets Movie With My Mates or Uniform Challenge	GOLDIES 500 tickets Gift Voucher	GREENIES 25 tickets 1 item from vending machine
Toby Francis Corbin Kowald Ethan Sandwell Jason van Schalwyk	Elsie Walmsley Jason van Schalkwyk				Sienna Crowe Olivia Draper Libby Hardingham Sofia Mycock Elsie Walmsley





**Year 11 ATAR Trip to UWA Farm
"Ridgefield"**

The future is coming, we will have to feed and clothe 50% more people by 2050 with minimal environmental impact.

On Thursday 11th November the Year 11 ATAR class visited the UWA Farm "Ridgefield" to imagine a best farm practice for the year 2050. They got to meet with Professor Graeme Martin, in the shearing shed, who talked to the students about the farm and the FF2050 Project to create a commercial farm to be economical in a changing environment, followed by a tour of the farm. The Project covers the following four key enterprises:

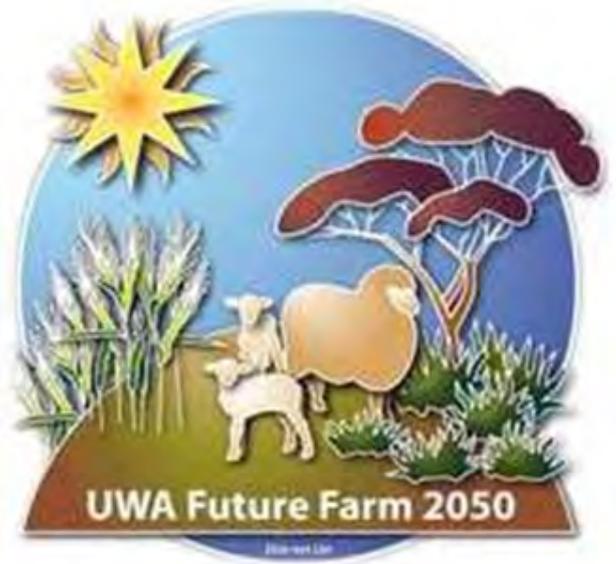
Clean, Green and Ethical Animal Production: Livestock products that are clean (fewer drugs, hormones and chemicals), green (better ecosystem care), and ethical (better animal welfare).

Conservation Cropping: Sustainable rain-fed cropping through better agronomic and environmental management, founded on soil conservation and regeneration landcare.

Restoration of ecosystems and biodiversity: Use of native species to drive change at landscape scale, restore biodiversity and provide ecosystem services, from soil biology to carbon capture and erosion prevention.

Farmers, Community and Infrastructure: Supporting healthy people living in vibrant rural communities, engaging with the Pingelly community, and breaking down the city-country divide.

The students enjoyed their day out and came back with some great ideas to improve our farms for the future.



Year 11 Award Winners

RESIDENTIAL AWARDS Presented by Frank Haydock, Residential Supervisor	
Year 11 Best in Residence	Riley McIlree
Year 11 Citizenship Award	Mitchell O'Brien
Year 11 Highly Commended x 1	Tina Henderson
CLASS AWARDS presented by Mitch Wray, Acting Deputy	
Year 11 Top Student in Plant Production Systems - ATAR	Blake Reynolds
Year 11 Top Student in Plant Production Systems - General	Isaac Whiteford
Year 11 Top Student in Animal Production Systems - ATAR	Blake Reynolds
Year 11 Top Student in Animal Production Systems – General	Jessica Davenport
Year 11 Top Student in English - ATAR	Tamara Keens
Year 11 Top Student in English - General	Mitchell O'Brien
Year 11 Top Student in English - Foundation	Joanne Mollison
Year 11 Top Student in Mathematics – ATAR	Tamara Keens
Year 11 Top Student in Mathematics – General	Riley McIlree
Year 11 Top Student in Mathematics - Foundation	Joanne Mollison
Year 11 Top Student in Materials Design & Technology	Jessica Davenport
TRADES AWARDS presented by Mitchell Wray, Acting Deputy	
Year 11 Top Student in Automotive	Joel Reynolds
Year 11 Top Student in Engineering	Korben Halter
Year 11 Top Student in Furniture Making	Harrison Dolan
Year 11 Top Student in Construction	Mitchell O'Brien
Year 11 Highly Commended x 1	Rigby Herbert
FARM AWARDS presented by Russell Gooley, Assistant Farm Manager	
Year 11 Top Student in Cropping and General Farm	Harrison Anderson
Year 11 Top Student in Equine	Tamara Keens
Year 11 Top Student in Livestock Production	Aaron Schilling
Year 11 Highly Commended	Blake Reynolds
Year 11 SCHOLARSHIPS presented by Clare Roser and Representatives	
SafeFarms WA Year 11 Scholarship Award	Aiden Hine
Agriculture Ambassador Scholarship (sponsored by WAFarmers) Representative, John Hassell, President of WA Farmers	Harrison Anderson
RASWA Year 11 Residential Scholarship	Rigby Herbert
The Atkinson Brothers Bursary	Boyd Ferrier

Year 11 Award Winners



STS LEEUWIN VOYAGE SPONSORSHIPS BY CBH

CBH Group is Australia's largest co-operative and a leader in the Australian grain industry, with operations extending along the value chain from grain storage, handling, transport, marketing and processing. Owned and controlled by approximately 3,900 Western Australian grain growing businesses, the core purpose of CBH is to sustainably create and return value to growers. In partnership with the CBH Group, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation has opened applications for sponsored places for a weeklong sail training adventure onboard STS Leeuwin II.

Students at the WACOA—Narrogin are eligible for sponsorship on STS Leeuwin II. CBH has been sponsoring regional youth on voyages since 2015 – and sponsorship applications are now open for 2022 – closing 30 November 2021.

To find out more: www.sailleeuwin.com



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Ocean Adventure Foundation



EMPLOYMENT

APPRENTICE HEAVY VEHICLE DIESEL MECHANIC

Nicholls Bus and Coach Service Pty Ltd, based in Narrogin, have a vacancy for an apprentice heavy vehicle diesel mechanic, working on a fleet of modern buses and coaches. We are also an Approved Inspection Station for Department of Transport.

Knowledge of Cummins motors and Allison & ZF transmissions would be an advantage but is not essential.

You will need to be motivated and enthusiastic to join our team.

The position is full time Monday – Friday and will commence as soon as practical.

Applicants may be asked to complete two weeks paid work to be assessed as a part of the application process.

Please email your resume to charmaine@niccoach.com.au

HEAVY DIESEL FITTER APPRENTICE

Marradong Contracting has an opening for a mechanically minded Heavy Diesel fitter apprentice.

The applicant would need to be enthusiastic and hungry to learn the trade.

Applicants can send a letter or CV to

jobsmarradongcontracting@gmail.com or call 0474470594

NARROGIN HAY

General hand (casual)

- Scanner operator
- Cut strings on raw product
- Assist with production as required

General hand wage: \$28.31 These rates include casual loading of 25%.

Notes:

- Suitable applicant needs to have a current driver's license and their own transport.
- 20% night shift loading on their normal hours, and get to work regular overtime.
- Normal hours will be 6am to 4pm for dayshift and 8pm to 6am for nightshift, Monday to Friday. During peak season required to do Saturday as well.
- When worked more than five shifts in a week, the extra shifts are double time.
- Normal penalties on all overtime.
- A six month probation period applies.
- Staff accommodation is available at \$150 per week with a house to share with other staff.

Ph: +61 8 9881 5566 Mob: +61 420 778 872

Email: f.oosthuizen@pentarch.com.au

CATTLE FEEDLOT / CROPPING

(HYDILLOWAH - Hyden area)

12 month minimum employment in 2022

To work predominately on the cattle/farming aspect, however depending on knowledge and experience could be trained to handle heavy machinery during harvest/seeding/hay.

For further information -

Claire Green Livestock Manager 0447 925 760

FARM HAND POSITION

Lake View Farming is looking for a fulltime farm hand to join our farming business in 2022.

We are located in the Great Southern (Wagin/Nyabing) area and are a mixed farming enterprise (sheep/crop).

The successful applicant needs to have some knowledge about farming and have a passion for the land.

You will be provided with accommodation and a work vehicle along with a good pay package.

Contact Michelle Ball with any questions

warnaminupfarm@gmail.com

Mobile 0427235016

BOILERMAKING APPRENTICESHIP

Westoz Boilermaking Service starting 2022.

Seeking an enthusiastic and driven person to join a family run business based in Cockburn Central.

Westoz Boilermaking Service specialises in manufacturing Harvest Weed Seed Control equipment, including Chaff Cart Adaptor Kits, Chaff Lining Kits and WeedHOG Seed Mills, as well as general and structural steel repairs and fabrication.

Please refer to the website for further information -

westozboilermakingservice.com.au

If interested, please forward resumé to

westozadmin@bigpond.com

Detailed descriptions of these jobs and more can be found on the College website under the "Current Students" tab.

COLLEGE EVENTS

Term 4

- Fri 3rd December Year 10 Presentation
- Mon 6 - Thurs 16 December Year 10 WPL - END OF TERM 4 for students
- Fri 10 December Orientation Day for all NEW students 9am - 1pm
- Thurs 16 December Last day for Year 10 students
- Fri 17 December Staff PD

The College Term Planner is regularly updated and can be viewed on the front page of the College website

EGGS for sale

Eggs \$4/dozen available from admin.
For large orders please contact the farm office - 9881 9726



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